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## *Press Release* *Police Department*

### **Arrest For Kidnapping, Attempt to Commit Rape and Robbery**

In the early morning hours of Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008, a female adult was walking in the area of Anza Avenue and Torrance Boulevard when a male pedestrian passed her walking in the opposite direction. The male spoke a greeting to the woman as they passed, suddenly produced a handgun, tried to force the woman between some buildings, attempted to sexually assault her, and robbed her before fleeing the location.

During this assault, the suspect pressed the handgun against the ribs of the woman and physically pulled her from the sidewalk attempting to move her to hidden locations between some buildings. The woman resisted the suspects attempt to move her to a secluded location while she fought off his attempts to sexually assault her. Ultimately, the victim's resistance prevented further sexual assault by the suspect however; the suspect robbed her of her jewelry and purse before fleeing the location.

Torrance Police Department Investigators worked with Patrol Officers led to the identification of the suspect, his arrest and the service of a search warrant. Cornell Anderson Barber, a 20 year old Torrance resident, was arrested and is charged with robbery, kidnapping, and attempted rape. Barber is currently being held for over \$1,000,000 bail.

Any persons who may have information regarding this case or Cornell Anderson Barber are requested to contact Detective Desbiens at (310) 618-5582. This investigation continues under the direction of Captain Marc Wilkins, Bureau Commander of the Special Operations Bureau.

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**Cornell Anderson Barber**